

House Resolution 809

By: Representative Amerson of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mike and Lynn Cottrell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mike and Lynn Cottrell have made an amazing \$10 million donation to North
3 Georgia College & State University, the largest single gift in the school's 134 year history,
4 to benefit the School of Business & Government, which will now be named the Mike Cottrell
5 School of Business; and

6 WHEREAS, Mike Cottrell was born in Vohburg, Germany in 1953 and is the owner and
7 operator of Cottrell, Inc., the world's largest supplier of overland automobile transport
8 equipment; and

9 WHEREAS, Lynn Cottrell was born in Gainesville, Georgia, in 1967 and is a cofounder of
10 the Cottrell Circle C. Ranch, LLC, a registered Black Angus cattle breeding business; and

11 WHEREAS, Mike and Lynn participate in a number of outstanding philanthropies in order
12 to share their success with the community, and their donation to North Georgia College &
13 State University will establish the Center for the Future of North Georgia, which will be an
14 applied research resource for local governments, economic development authorities, and
15 businesses in North Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the donated funds will immensely benefit the students of North Georgia College
17 & State University by allowing the school to offer an increased number of internships and
18 applied research opportunities that will equip graduates with the tools they need to be
19 effective leaders in the business world of tomorrow; and

20 WHEREAS, Mike Cottrell is a former United States Air Force Reservist and has served his
21 neighbors in a number of civic capacities, including chairman of the Lumpkin County
22 Development Authority, vice chairman of the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage
23 Authority, director on the board of the United Community Bank of Dahlonega, vice chairman

1 of the North Georgia College & State University Business Advisory Council, and a member
2 of the North Georgia College & State University Foundation Board of Trustees; and

3 WHEREAS, Lynn Cottrell's leadership was instrumental in organizing a fashion show that
4 raised more than \$18,000 for the Meth Task Force of Enotah Circuit, and she has served the
5 community as a member of the American Angus Association, a member of the Georgia
6 Cattlemen's Association, a member of Corinth Baptist Church, a planner and hostess for the
7 largest Republican rally in North Georgia, a sponsor for the Old Fashioned Christmas in
8 Dahlonega, and a board member of the Lumpkin County Family Connection; and

9 WHEREAS, the inspiring actions of these two distinguished humanitarians have brought
10 honor to the State of Georgia and the United States.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 the members of this body recognize Mike and Lynn Cottrell in honor of their generous \$10
13 million donation to North Georgia College & State University; commend them for their
14 extensive service to the citizens of Georgia; and extend to them their sincerest best wishes
15 for their continued health, success, and fulfillment.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mike and Lynn Cottrell.